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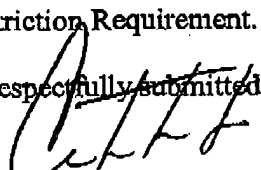
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Attached is the following for filing in the above-identified application.

(1). Response to Restriction Requirement.

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FOR SEALING OR AUGMENTATION OF TISSUE OR VESSELS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008, Applicant, through his attorney, elect Group III consisting of claims 12, 14, 26-27, 34-35, 42-43, and 59-60, without traverse. Please cancel claims 6-10, 12-19, 23, 26-36, and 41-72 without prejudice.

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